



the purpose of securing geological and geophysical information. All information obtained by Lessee as a result of such activity shall be the exclusive property of Lessee, and Lessee may disseminate or sell such information without Lessor's consent. In exploring for, developing, producing and marketing oil, gas and other substances covered hereby on the leased premises or lands pooled or unitized therewith, in primary and/or enhanced recovery, Lessee shall have the right of ingress and egress along with the right to conduct such operations on the leased premises, or on any adjacent or adjoining lands, as may be reasonably necessary for such purpose, including but not limited to the drilling of wells, construction and use of roads, canals, pipelines, tanks, water wells, disposal wells, injection wells, pits, electric and telephone lines, power stations, and other facilities deemed necessary by Lessee to discover, produce, store, treat and/or transport oil, gas and other substances. Lessee shall have free use of oil, gas, casinghead gas, condensate, and water from said land, except water from Lessor's wells, for all operations hereunder, including repressuring, pressure maintenance and recycling, and the royalty shall be computed after deducting any so used. Lessee shall have the right at any time during or after the expiration of this lease to remove all property and fixtures placed by Lessee on said land, including the right to draw and remove all casing. When required by Lessor, Lessee will bury all pipe lines below ordinary plow depth, and no well shall be drilled within two hundred feet of any residence or barn now on said land without Lessor's consent. In the event a well or wells, producing oil, gas, casinghead gas or condensate in paying quantities should be brought in on adjacent lands not owned by the Lessor and within one hundred fifty feet of and draining the leased premises, Lessee agrees to drill such offset well or wells as a reasonably prudent operator would drill under the same or similar circumstances.

10. The rights of either party hereunder may be assigned in whole or in part and the provisions hereof shall extend to the heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, but no change or division in ownership of the land, or royalties, however accomplished shall operate to enlarge the obligations or diminish the rights of Lessee. No such change or division in the ownership of the land, or royalties shall be binding upon Lessee for any purpose until such person acquiring any interest has furnished Lessee, at its principal place of business, with a certified copy of the instrument or instruments, constituting his chain of title from the original Lessor. An assignment of this lease, in whole or in part, shall, to the extent of such assignment, relieve and discharge Lessee of any obligations hereunder to Lessor and, if Lessee or assignee of part or parts hereof shall fail to comply with any other provisions of the lease, such default shall not affect this lease insofar as it covers a part of said lands upon which Lessee or any assignee shall comply with the provisions of the lease. In addition, Lessee may at any time and from time to time execute and deliver to Lessor or file for record a release or releases of this lease as to any part or all of said land or of any mineral or horizon thereunder, and thereby be relieved of all obligations as to the released acreage or interest.

11. In case of suit, adverse claim, dispute or question as to the ownership of the royalties (or some part thereof) payable under this lease, Lessee shall not be held in default in payment of such royalties (or the part thereof in dispute), until such suit, claim, dispute or question has been finally disposed of, and Lessee shall have thirty (30) days after being furnished with a certified copy of the instrument or instruments disposing of such suit, claim or dispute, or after being furnished with proof sufficient, in Lessee's opinion, to settle such question, within which to make payment. Should the right or interest of Lessee hereunder be disputed by Lessor, or any other person, the time covered by the pendency of such dispute shall not be counted against Lessee either as affecting the term of the lease or for any other purpose, and Lessee may suspend all payments without interest until there is a final adjudication or other determination of such dispute.

12. In case of cancellation or termination of this lease from any cause, Lessee shall have the right to retain, under the terms hereof, around each well producing, being worked on, or drilling hereunder, the number of acres in the form allocated to each such well under spacing and proration rules issued by the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, or any other State or Federal authority having control of such matters; or any unit or units formed pursuant to paragraph 7 or, in the absence of such rulings, unit or units, forty (40) acres around each such well in as near a square form as practicable, and in the event Lessor considers that operations are not being conducted in compliance with this contract, Lessee shall be notified in writing of the facts relied upon as constituting a breach hereof and Lessee shall have sixty (60) days after receipt of such notice to comply with the obligations imposed by virtue of this instrument.

13. When drilling, reworking, production or other operations are delayed or interrupted by force majeure, that is, by storm, flood or other acts of God, fire, war, rebellion, insurrection, riot, strikes, differences with workmen, or failure of carriers to transport or furnish facilities for transportation, or as a result of some law, order, rule, regulation, requisition or necessity of government, Federal or State, or as a result of any cause whatsoever beyond the control of the Lessee, the time of such delay or interruption shall not be counted against Lessee, anything in this lease to the contrary notwithstanding, but this lease shall be extended for a period of time equal to that during which Lessee is so prevented from conducting such drilling or reworking operations on, or producing oil, gas, casinghead gas, condensate or other minerals from, the premises; provided that during any period that this lease is continued in force after its primary term solely by force majeure as herein provided, Lessee shall pay to the owners of the royalty hereunder the shut-in royalty provided in paragraph 5 hereof, and in the manner therein provided, without regard to whether or not there is a producing well shut in, located on said land or on land with which the lease premises or any part thereof has been pooled.

14. Lessee shall pay for actual damages caused by its operations to growing crops and timber on said land leased herein.

15. Notwithstanding the death of any party Lessor, or his successor in interest, the payment or tender of all sums accruing hereunder in the manner provided above shall be binding on the heirs, executors and administrators of such person.

16. Lessor hereby warrants and agrees to defend the title to the lands herein described, and agrees that the Lessee at its option shall have the right to redeem for Lessor, by payment, any mortgage, taxes or other liens on the above described lands, in the event of default of payment by Lessor, and be subrogated to the rights of the holder thereof. In case of payment of any such mortgage, taxes or other liens by Lessee, in addition to the right to subrogation herein granted, Lessee shall also have the right to retain any royalties which become due Lessor hereunder and to repay itself therefrom, and the retention of such royalties by Lessee shall have the same effect as if paid to the Lessor in whose behalf payment of any mortgage, taxes or other liens was made.

17. This lease shall be binding upon all who execute it, whether or not named in the body hereof as Lessor, and without regard to whether this same instrument, or any copy thereof, shall be executed by any other Lessor named above.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this instrument is executed as of the date first above written.

WITNESSES:

LESSOR (WHETHER ONE OR MORE)

Susan L. Johnson  
Susan L. Johnson  
Suzanne Stutsman  
Suzanne Stutsman  
Susan L. Johnson  
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Suzanne Stutsman  
Suzanne Stutsman

David Ray Cox  
David Ray Cox  
Angela Reeves Cox  
Angela Reeves Cox

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STATE OF Louisiana  
PARISH/COUNTY OF West

On this 27 day of June, 2008, before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_

David Ray Cox and Angela Reeves Cox  
to  
me known to be the person(s) described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that he/she/they executed the same as their free act and deed.

My Commission expires at death

John D. Johnson  
NOTARY PUBLIC in and for West Parish, LA  
Bar # 9302

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_  
PARISH/COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally came and appeared \_\_\_\_\_ who being first duly sworn deposes and says that he/she was one of the subscribing witnesses to the execution of the foregoing instrument by \_\_\_\_\_

who signed the same in his/her presence and that of the other subscribing witness(es) to such signature(s) whose name(s) (signature) are affixed as such, and that he/she now recognizes all said signatures to be true and genuine.

Subscribing Witness

Sworn to and subscribed before me, notary, on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

My Commission expires \_\_\_\_\_

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NOTARY PUBLIC in and for \_\_\_\_\_

**EXHIBIT "A"**

**ATTACHED TO AND MADE A PART OF THAT CERTAIN OIL, GAS AND MINERAL LEASE, DATED JUNE 27, 2008 BY AND BETWEEN DAVID RAY COX, ET UX AS LESSOR AND PETROHAWK ENERGY CORPORATION, AS LESSEE**

**DAVID RAY COX, (Separate Property in Bossier Parish)**

The Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (SE/4 of NW/4) and ten (10) acres off of south side of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast (NE/4 of NW/4), all being located in Section 13, T17N, R11W, Bossier City, Louisiana, containing 50 acres, more or less.

Being the same tract of land acquired by David Ray Cox from George Ellis Carter by Deed dated October 31, 1994 recorded in COB 1069, PG 451, Entry No. 586007, Bossier Parish, LA.

**DAVID RAY COX, (Separate Property in Webster Parish)**

**TRACT 1:** Begin at the Northeast corner of Section 23, Township 18 North, Range 10 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana; thence run South 1968.4 feet to the point of beginning of the property herein described; from said point of beginning run West 470.11 feet; thence run East 470.11 feet; thence run South 639.32 feet; thence run East 470.11 feet; thence run North 639.32 feet to the point of beginning, containing 6.9 acres, more or less, being the same property acquired by Jessie W. Mathes by act of partition recorded in Volume 600, Page 467, Conveyance Records of Webster Parish, Louisiana, LESS AND EXCEPT the following tract or parcel of land, to-wit:

Begin at the Northeast corner of Section 23, Township 18 North, Range 10 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana; thence run South 1968.4 feet; thence run West 357.51 feet to the point of beginning of the property herein described; thence continue West 112.6 feet; thence run South 333.65 feet; thence run East 154 feet; thence run North 106 feet; thence run West 41.4 feet; thence run North 227.65 feet to the point of beginning of the property herein described, containing 0.963 acres, more or less, conveyed to Homer Wayne Chism by act of conveyance recorded in Volume 650, Page 121, Conveyance Records of Webster Parish, Louisiana.

Being the same tract of land acquired by David Ray Cox from LaRue Mathes Bogues by Cash Deed dated June 30, 1988, recorded in COB 700, PG 837, Entry No. 347241, Webster Parish, LA.

**TRACT 2:** Begin at the Northeast corner of Section 23, Township 18 North, Range 10 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana; thence run South 1706.2 feet to the point of beginning; from said point of beginning run West 229.26 feet; thence run South 262.2 feet; thence run East 229.26

feet; thence run North 262.2 feet to the point of beginning, containing 1.38 acres, more or less, and

Begin at the Northeast corner of Section 23, Township 18 North, Range 10 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana; thence run South 1706.2 feet; thence run West 229.26 feet; thence run South 137.4 feet to the point of beginning; from said point of beginning run West 437.51 feet; thence run South 152.78 feet; thence run East 196.66 feet; thence run North 27.98 feet; thence run East 240.85 feet; thence run North 124.8 feet to the point of beginning, containing 1.38 acres, more or less.

Being the same tract of land acquired by David Ray Cox from Homer William Chism, Sr. and Myrtle Powell Chism, husband and wife, by Cash Deed dated June 15, 1989, recorded in COB 718, PG 665, Entry No. 353996, Webster Parish, LA.

**TRACT 3:** Begin at the Northeast corner of Section 23, Township 18 North, Range 10 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana; thence run South 3058.48 feet; thence run West 308.3 feet to the point of beginning of the property herein described; from said point of beginning continue West 358.47 feet; thence run South 285.73 feet; thence run East 358.47 feet; thence run North 285.73 feet to the point of beginning, containing 2.35 acres more or less, AND

Begin at the Northeast corner of Section 23, Township 18 North, Range 10 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana; thence run South 2607.72 feet to the point of beginning; from said point of beginning run West 361.3 feet; thence run South 110 feet; thence East 361.3 feet; thence North 110 feet to the point of beginning containing .91 acres more or less.

Being the same tract of land acquired by David Ray Cox from Nolen P. Cox and Diane B. Cox, husband & wife by Cash Deed dated March 24, 2004, recorded in COB 970, PG 526, Webster Parish, LA.

**DAVID RAY COX and ANGELA R. COX, h&w (Community Property)**

**TRACT 4:** Begin at the Northeast corner of Section 23, Township 18 North, Range 10 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana; thence run South 1968.4 feet; thence run West 357.51 feet to the point of beginning; thence continue West 112.6 feet; thence run South 333.65 feet; thence run East 154 feet; thence run North 106 feet; thence run West 41.4 feet; thence run North 227.65 feet to the point of beginning, containing .963 acres, more or less, AND

Begin at the Northeast corner of Section 23, Township 18 North, Range 10 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana; thence run South 1706.2 feet; thence run West 666.67 feet; thence South 290.18 feet to the point of beginning of the property herein described; from said point of beginning continue South 305.67 feet; thence run East 196.66 feet; thence run North 305.67 feet; thence run West 196.66 feet to the point of beginning containing 1.38 acres, more or less.

Being the same tract of land acquired by David Ray Cox from Homer Wayne Chism, Jr., et ux, by Credit Deed dated May 21, 1990, recorded in COB 760, PG 237, Entry No. 369263, Webster Parish, LA.

**TRACT 5:** Begin at the Northeast corner of Section 23, Township 18 North, Range 10 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana; Thence run South 2717.72 feet to the point of beginning of the property herein described; from said point of beginning continue South 340.76 feet; thence West 666.67 feet; thence North 450.76 feet; thence East 305.47 feet; thence South 110 feet; thence East 361.3 feet to the point of beginning, containing 5.99 acres, more or less.

Being the same tract of land acquired by David Ray Cox from Louis Mathes, et ux, by Cash Deed dated June 1, 1992, recorded in COB 769, PG 478, Entry No. 373446, Webster Parish, LA.

**TRACT 6:** Begin at the Southeast corner of Northeast Quarter of Southeast Quarter, Section 23, Township 18 North, Range 10 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana; Thence run North 450.76 feet to the point of beginning; from said point of beginning run West 666.77 feet; thence run North 165.03 feet; thence run East 358.47 feet; thence run North 258.73 feet; thence run East 308.3 feet; thence run South 450.76 feet to the point of beginning, containing 4.55 acres, more or less.

Being the same tract of land acquired by David Ray Cox from Homer William M. Carroll, et al, by Cash Deed dated April 18, 1997, recorded in COB 854, PG 69, Entry No. 410796, Webster Parish, LA, and further acquired by Tax Sale from Jessie Mae Holland, et al, dated May 19, 1999, and recorded in COB 891, PG 158, Entry No. 428726, Webster Parish, Louisiana.

**TRACT 7:** Begin at the Northeast corner of Northeast Quarter of Northeast Quarter, of Section 23, Township 18 North, Range 10 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana; thence run South 1255.44 feet; thence run West 284.01 feet to the point of beginning; from said point of beginning run North 09 degrees West 289 .83 feet; thence run West 334.18 feet; thence run South 285.73 feet; thence run East 382.76 feet to the point of beginning, containing 2.35 acres, more or less.

Being the same tract of land acquired by David Ray Cox from Dorothy Tripp Chew, by Cash Deed dated April 17, 1997, recorded in COB 854, PG 68, Entry No. 410797, Webster Parish, LA.

**TRACT 8:** A 1.23 acre tract more or less particularly described as follows: Begin at the Northeast corner of Section 23, Township 18 North, Range 10 West, Webster parish, Louisiana; thence run South 841.45 feet; thence run North 83 degrees 42 minutes West 420.87 feet to the point of beginning of the property herein described from said point of beginning continue North 83 degrees 42 minutes West 250 feet; thence run South 210 feet; thence run East 306 feet; thence run North 16 degrees 14 minutes West 177 feet to the point of beginning.

Being the same tract of land acquired by David Ray Cox from Dorothy Mathes Pearce, by Cash Deed dated June 24, 2004, recorded in COB 974, PG 333, Entry No. 471030, Webster Parish, L.A.

Tracts 1 through 8 containing in aggregate 28.42 acres, more or less.

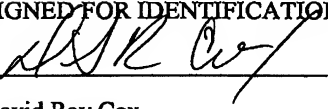
**ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS**

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary contained in the foregoing printed form Oil, Gas and Mineral lease, it is agreed and understood as follows, to-wit:

1. This lease does not cover iron ore, gravel, bentonite, coal and lignite, or any other hard minerals located on or under the above described lands.
2. It is hereby agreed and understood that the Lessee shall be responsible for all damage to improvements growing crops and timber caused by Lessee's operations on the lands covered herein., Lessee shall properly seal any well hole and fill in such pits and level and restore any areas where drilling operations are conducted to as nearly as practicable to its original condition, and compensate lessors or their surface lessees, as applicable, for any surface damages.
3. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, wherever the fraction one-eighth (1/8) appears herein, same shall be amended to read one-fourth (1/4).
4. Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, it is understood and agreed that upon the expiration of the primary term, if this lease should be continued by reason of production, then in that event, all rights, covenants and conditions of this lease shall terminate as to all strata and land situated one hundred (100) feet below the deepest depth drilled in any well bore situated on the leased premises or on acreage pooled therewith.
5. After the expiration of the primary term of this lease, operations on or production from any pooled unit or units created under the terms of this lease, or by order of the Louisiana Commissioner of Conservation, shall continue this lease in force only as to that portion of the leased premises included in such unit or units, and upon the expiration of the primary term hereof, this lease shall terminate as to all portions of the leased premises not so unitized and as to which the lease is not being maintained in force pursuant to some other provision hereof.
6. This lease is granted with no warranty of title, whatsoever, not even for the return of bonuses, royalties or shut-in payments, and lessor shall have no obligation to defend title to the leased premises.
7. Lessee agrees to promptly provide Lessor with a copy of any assignment(s) of this lease, with applicable recordation information shown thereon.

8. Lessee agrees to promptly provide Lessor with copies of any title opinions or surveys of the Leased Premises.
9. Lessee shall conduct no surface operations on the leased premises without the prior written consent of lessor, which consent may be withheld for any reason, but may explore and produce same by means of directional drilling from lands other than the leased premises.
10. This lease is made expressly subject to that certain letter agreement dated June 27, 2008 by and between Lessor and Lessee, and no assignment(s) or subsequent assignment(s) shall be valid unless same includes language whereby the assignee(s) under such assignment(s) assumes the obligations of Lessee, set forth therein.

SIGNED FOR IDENTIFICATION:

  
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David Ray Cox

  
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Angela Reeves Cox